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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: U.S.-LIBYA.

UNDER HEADLINE "THE U.S. IS RESPONSIBLE," ARABIC WEEKLY
AL BAYANE (CLOSE TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) REPORTED
SEPTEMBER 16 THAT "AFTER QADHAFI'S CONTINUING CLAIM
THAT HE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPULSION OF
TUNISIAN AND EGYPTIAN WORKERS FROM LIBYA, AND STATING
THAT THIS WAS 'THE RESULT OF A DECISION TAKEN BY THE
PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES,' HE RECENTLY BLAMED THE U.S. FOR
THIS MASS EXPULSION. HE EXPLAINED THAT THESE MEASURES
WERE IMPOSED BECAUSE OF BUDGET RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE
THE RESULT OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE "U.S. ECONOMIC
BLOCKADE AGAINST LIBYA." THE PAPER ASKED "WHERE DOES
THE TRUTH LIE?" THE PAPER ADDED THAT "COMMENTING ON
THE U.S. DECISION NOT TO EXPORT TO LIBYA ANY HIGHLY
SOPHISTICATED TECHNICAL PRODUCTS QADHAFI STATED IN HIS
LATEST SPEECH THAT 'THE LIBYAN PEOPLE CAN DO WITHOUT
THE BANANAS, THE SWEETS AND ALL THE PRODUCTS SENT BY
THE U.S. AND THAT AIM AT DESTROYING THE PEOPLE OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES'." ITEM. SCHOONOVER

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